

Net Control Preamble

- “This is [YOUR CALL], net control calling ‘CQ’ ‘CQ’ to the Grand Strand Amateur Radio Club (440 or 2) meter net. MY name is____, and I’m located in_____.
- “Our nets meet on the following frequencies and nights at 8:00 pm local time with PL tone 85.4, 444.675 MHz Tuesday; 146.805 MHz Thursday; 147.120 MHz Saturday; & 145.110 MHz Sunday.”
- “Skywarn or ARES may supersede these nets in times of emergency.”
- “All amateurs are cordially invited to participate.”
- “Before we begin, do we have any FORMAL TRAFFIC, BULLETINS, or ANNOUNCEMENTS?”
(Ask twice before going forward)
- “This is a directed net. Please check-in your proper alphabetical group. List if you have any informal traffic and if you will remain on frequency for the rag chew portion of the net. Please direct all comments to the net control station.”
- *Roll Call: Take check-ins in the following order:*
 - “Any short time, mobile or maritime stations”
 - “Any ECHOLINK STATIONS”
 - *Manage Short time & mobile, maritime stations, & ECHOLINK stations accordingly,
Note those stations staying for ragchew. Proceed with Alphabetical Roll Call*
 - “A-D Alpha through Delta”
 - “E-H Echo through Hotel”
 - “I-L India through Lima”
 - “M-P Mike through Papa”
 - “Q-T Quebec through Tango”
 - “U-Z Uniform through Zulu”
 - “All the way through the alphabet, any late stations, any order”
- *Handle all informal traffic.*
 - “All stations not wishing to stay on frequency for the ragchew portion of the net may secure at your pleasure. Thank you for checking in.”
- *Proceed with rag chew, check for late stations at mid-point and conclusion.*
- “Before we conclude, are there any additional comments or business for the net? Please call now.”
- *Manage any additional comments, check-ins, or traffic as required.*
- *Thank everyone for participating in the net and secure the net. Call the net manager or assistant if they check-in and give the net report. Include in the count the piece of traffic you are giving them as part of your count.*
- *NOTE: The report you are giving counts as “1” & other pieces of traffic are counted whenever there is a report number attached to a message. General announcements are typically not counted.*
- *The report format is as follows:*
- “This is [YOURCALL]; here is my Net Report for [TODAYS DATE] / My Report # _. I had [TOTAL CHECK- INS] & [TOTAL PIECES OF TRAFFIC].
- *The Net Manager will repeat your call, your report #, the report total check-ins & the total pieces of traffic.*
- *A typical report could read simply: “ab4cde 1jan15 R#1 15/1”*
- *Now close the net.*
- “I now return this repeater to normal amateur use.”
Give your call and clear.

**REMEMBER TO USE NORMAL CONVERSATION WHEN USING THE REPEATER.
OUR SYSTEM IS MONITORED.**